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TO : Chairman, Equipment Board

DATE: 4 MAY

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FROM : Chief, Plans Staff, OC

CPL 64-037

SUBJECT : Replacement Equipment for Mobile Units

REFERENCE: Minutes of Equipment Board Meeting of 8 May 1963

1. At the referenced meeting, the Board directed OC-P to consult with Operations, Engineering and Telecom representatives to "Perform an Operations-Engineering study to determine the preferred replacement equipment for our diminishing mobile units."

2. This study has now been carried out and has resulted in three specific proposals which, for the moment, are being called Package Number One, Package Number Two, and Package Number Three. Details of each proposal are contained in booklets which have been prepared for distribution to Board members.

3. In approaching this study a review was made of past use of our packaged and mobile equipment and some twenty-five OC personnel were interviewed to determine their views on the direction in which we ought to go in the future. The resulting material was analyzed and reduced to three proposals which were then discussed with a number of the people originally interviewed. As a result of this some changes were made and three final proposals emerged. It is these which are now being placed before the Board for discussion.

4. There was a surprising unanimity of opinion about certain aspects of our mobile gear. The points on which there is general agreement are:

a. We ought to get away from prime movers and large, cumbersome, hard to transport vans.

b. We need RTTY and medium speed capability as old equipment provides little or none of these.

c. In many operating circumstances packaged equipment will serve our needs better than anything else.

d. In some cases we need to have our equipment housed in a van in order to provide a controlled operating environment under adverse conditions. (A modernized 2-ST/VC-1)

e. Any van used must be relatively small, light in weight, easy to transport by a variety of means.

f. We must consider contingency situations as well as wartime situations because many of our requirements (and we hope all of them!) will be of this type.

g. We ought to confine ourselves to standard items of equipment to the maximum extent possible.

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h. We should try to meet the mobile/package problem in such a way that the equipment items involved will stay in regular stock as much as possible and in any case will not be cut off from normal maintenance, rotation, and upgrading.

5. The proposals being made were drawn up with the above points in mind. No decisions about procurement are being sought now; our objective at this time is simply to place these proposals before the Board for general discussion. Funds have been programmed in FY-1965 but it is impossible to predict whether this item will survive. Therefore this can be considered as the first phase of the replacement program.

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FYI, here is a copy of the letter we had planned to use re the mobile equipment. Now some of the wording at the end may have to be changed. Have sent a copy to [redacted] OC-E for his info but shall make no further distribution now.

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(OC-E will try to be ready for a Wed., 20 May Equipment Board meeting.)

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